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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - AGENDA ITEM 12: REGIONAL
COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

REF: (A) STATE 176433; (B) STATE 182862

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF EC-9 DRAFT RESOLUTION ON REGIONAL
COOPERATION, PRESENTED TO USDEL BY EC-9 REP:

QUOTE THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING ITS RESOLUTION 2043 (LXI) ON THE STRENGTH-
ENING OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS FOR REGIONAL AND INTER-
REGIONAL COOPERATION;

NOTING WITH APPRECIATION THAT THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON
THE RESTRUCTURING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF
THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM HAS NOT ONLY RESPONDED TO THE
REQUEST MADE TO IT IN OPERATIVE PARA. 3 OF THE ABOVE RES,
BUT ALSO MADE OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS DEALING WITH THE
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STRUCTURES FOR REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION
(SECTION IV OF THE ANNEX TO GA RES 32/197) THUS FULLY
RECOGNIZING THAT THE PROMOTION OF SUCH COOPERATION FORMS
AN INTRINSIC PART OF THE PROCESS OF THE RESTRUCTUR-
ING OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SECTORS OF THE UNITED NA-
TIONS SYSTEM;

CONVINCED THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, WHICH ARE SUBSIDIARY ORGANS OF THE COUNCIL, ARE IN A PARTICULARLY ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION TO PROMOTE SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS;

CONSIDERING THE NEED TO ACHIEVE, IN THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRAMMES OF THE UNITED NATIONS, COMPLEMENTARITY OF TASKS PERFORMED AT HEADQUARTERS AND THOSE PERFORMED BY THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, AS OUTLINED IN RES 32/197; NOTING FURTHER THAT PARA 23 OF THE ANNEX TO GA RES 32/197 REQUESTED THAT, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS AND CONDITIONS OF EACH REGION AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PLANS AND PRIORITIES OF THE GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED, THE GA AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE MEASURES TO ENABLE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS TO FUNCTION EXPEDITIOUSLY AS EXECUTING AGENCIES FOR INTERSECTORAL SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS AND, IN AREAS WHICH DO NOT FALL WITHIN THE PURVIEW OF THE SECTORAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER UNITED NATIONS BODIES FOR OTHER SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL PROJECTS;

RECALLING PARA 26 OF THE ANNEX TO GA RES 32/197 THAT IN ORDER TO ENABLE THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS EFFECTIVELY TO DISCHARGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES THEY SHOULD HAVE THE NECESSARY AUTHORITY DELEGATED TO THEM AND ADEQUATE BUDGETARY AND FINANCIAL PROVISION SHOULD BE MADE;

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NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE SECRETARY-GENERAL HAS ORGANIZED CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AND DEPARTMENTS CONCERNED AT HEADQUARTERS, AS WELL AS THOSE FROM UNDP, TO MAKE PRACTICAL AND CONCRETE ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING THOSE RELATING TO THE ROLE OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS AS EXECUTING AGENCIES FOR PROJECTS, ESPECIALLY THE ARRANGEMENT FOR 1 JANUARY 1979 TO BE THE TARGET DATE FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE DECENTRALIZATION PROCESS FOR THE EXECUTION OF THE FIRST SET OF APPROPRIATE SUBREGIONAL AND REGIONAL PROJECTS, PRESENTLY BEING CARRIED OUT BY UNITED NATIONS HEADQUARTERS, TO REGIONAL COMMISSIONS (E/1978/89);

RECALLING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION:

1. REAFFIRMS THAT THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS SHALL CONTINUE TO EXERCISE THE FUNCTIONS OF EXECUTING AGENCIES OF THE UNDP IN ACCORDANCE WITH GA RES 2688 (XXV), 3505 (XXX) AND 32/197, AND COUNCIL RES. 1896 (LVII) AND 1952 (LIX);

2. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES TO SUBMIT, WHERE NECESSARY, TO THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS AT THEIR FORTHCOMING SESSIONS PLANS FOR AN INTENSIFIED PROGRAMME FOR THE PROMOTION OF SUBREGIONAL, REGIONAL AND INTERREGIONAL COOPERATION IN THEIR RESPECTIVE REGIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THEIR MANDATES, AND TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THOSE OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS PRIORITY AREAS;

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INTENSIFY CONSULTATIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE FURTHER PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING COMPLEMENTARITY IN THE ACTIVITIES OF HEADQUARTERS AND THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION IV OF THE ANNEX TO GA RES. 32/197;
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4. REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES TO ASK THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS TO FURTHER CONSIDER THE REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN PARA. 27 OF THE ANNEX TO GA RES 32/197, WITH A VIEW TO RATIONALIZING THE STRUCTURE OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMISSIONS, INCLUDING THE STREAMLINING OF THEIR SUBSIDIARY MACHINERY;

5. FURTHER REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT, THROUGH THE CPC, TO THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE COUNCIL IN 1979 A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS MADE IN IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE ABOVE PARAS.

2. EC-9 ALSO PRESENTED TEXT TO G-77 AS ALTERNATIVE TO DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO DEPT. RES. WILL BE TABLED JULY 26.

3. SINCE EC-9 DRAFT RES. EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATES ALL TEXT TO WHICH WE OBJECTED IN PREVIOUS VERSIONS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL (A), USDEL WILL CO-SPONSOR UNLESS DEPT INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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